

CLAIMS

We claim:

- Sub a2*
1. Method for representing business processes, comprising the steps of:
 - defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and
 - displaying a selected process as a point in navigation space.
 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - displaying selection lists, including a noun selection list, a verb selection list and an attribute selection list;
 - responsive to user selection of a 3-tuple including noun, a verb and an attribute from said selection lists, highlighting the point in navigation space corresponding to said 3-tuple.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
responsive to user selection of a zoom in action in
connection with a selected process point, determining
if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so
highlighting in a new navigation space the process
points referenced by selected process point
definitions.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
responsive to user selection of a zoom out action in
connection with a selected process point, determining
if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so
highlighting in a new navigation space the zoomed to
process point.

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1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 responsive to user selection of a create process
3 action, accepting and storing a 3-tuple and process
4 definition.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:
2 responsive to user selection of a process edit action
3 in connection with a selected process, displaying the
4 process definition corresponding to said selected
5 process for editing by said user.

1 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:
2 responsive to user selection of a run process action in
3 connection with a selected process, executing said
4 process.

1 8. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
2 responsive to user selection of a zoom operation with
3 respect to a first process displayed in a first navigation
4 space in a first window, opening a second window to display
5 the zoomed to process space in a second navigation space,
6 and highlighting said first process point in said first
7 window.

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40. A program storage device readable by a machine,
tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
machine to perform method steps for representing business
processes, said method steps comprising:

defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple
including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and

displaying a selected process as a point in navigation
space.

41. An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable
program code means embodied therein for displaying
representations of business processes, the computer
readable program means in said article of manufacture
comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a
computer to effect defining each of a plurality of

